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Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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Re: Auburn Park Dialysis – Request for Expedited Review

Dear Ms. Avery,

On behalf of DaVita Inc., we respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("State Board") grant expedited review of the above-referenced Auburn Park Dialysis application for certificate of need permit and consider the CON Application at the January 9, 2018 State Board meeting. This project proposes to establish a 12-station facility to be located at 7939 South Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60620. It is critical the CON Application be heard at the January 9, 2018 meeting.

The Auburn Park geographic service area is an economically disadvantaged area, with 27.2% of the population being below poverty levels and the minority population account for over 95% of the total residents. Furthermore, the area has been designated as a Medically Underserved Population – Governor's Exemption, a designation that is made to document unusual local conditions and barriers to accessing personal health services.

Over the course of one year of data, the GSA experienced an influx of 95 new patients requiring ESRD services. The current rate of new patients is not expected to slow, which will stretch the scarce healthcare resources available to the area's population. If the CON Application is approved at the January Board meeting, DaVita expects Auburn Park Dialysis would be operation by early 2020, which would be severely needed to address the need for dialysis services in this medically underserved population.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request for expedited review of the Auburn Park Dialysis application. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me

Sincerely,

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